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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,400,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

Boundary change between 6th Army Group and 12th Army Group: OPPEIHEIM M4539 - DARMSTADT N6542 (both to 12th Army Gp) - OBERNBURG N0238 - STADTPROZELTEM N2134 (both to 6th Army Gp) - WURZBURG N5835 - OCHSENFURT N6821 - UFFENHEIM N8007 - ANSBACH T0682 - GUNZENHAUSEN T2063 - EICHSTATT T5338 - INGOLSTADT T7025 - thence south along autobahn to SCHWEITENKIRCHEN Y8598 - FREISING Y9686 - ERDING Z0976 - DORFEN Z2874 - ROSENHEIM Z2827 (all to 12th Army Gp with running rights on WURZBURG-ANSBACH-INGOLSTADT road to 6th Army Gp).

Boundary between III and XX Corps: HASZFURT N9863 - thence along MAIN and REGNITZ Rivers to BAMBERG O2749 - thence LUDWIGS KANAL to FORCHHEIM O3930 - thence REGNITZ River to ERLANGEN O3616 - thence LUDWIGS KANAL through NURNBERG O4100 to T5290 - NEUMARKT T7182 - HEMAU T9558 (all to XX Corps) - KELHEIM U0344 - HERRNGIERSDORF U1830 - ROHRBERG U2422 (all to III Corps) - ALTHEIM U2909 - DIETELSKIRCHEN Z4199 (both to XX Corps) - NEUMARKT Z5385 - NEU OTTING Z6873 - BURGHAUSEN Z7864 (all to III Corps).

Boundary change between XX and XII Corps: KULMBACH O6674 - BAYREUTH O7556 (both to XII Corps) - CREUSSEN O7945 - KIRCHENTHUMBACH O8735 - HAAG O9027 - SCHLICHT O9320 - AMBERG O9802 (all to XX Corps) - SCHWANDORF U1790 (to XX Corps with running rights to XII Corps) - NITTENAU U3076 - RETTENBACH U4463 - SAULBURG U5255 - HORNSTORF U5545 - DONAU River to PASSAU Q2113 (all to XII Corps).

Boundary change between First Army and Third Army: LAHN River from its mouth to AUMENAU G3700 - GIESSEN G6621 - ULRICHSTEIN H0321 - FULDA H3719 - WUSTENSACHSEN H6114 (all to First Army) - thence along north boundary of Bavaria to Czechoslovakian border.

Boundary change between V Corps and VIII Corps: KIRCHHEILINGEN J0791 - URLEBEN J1288 (both to V Corps) - BAD TEINHEDT J1688 - STRAUSSFURT J2790 - SOMMERDA J3690 - ECKARTSBERGA J6787 (all to VIII Corps) - BAD KOSEN J7889 - NAUMBURG J8590 - STOSSEN J9287 (all to V Corps) - ZEITZ K0781 (to VIII Corps) - FROHBURG K3784 (to V Corps) - GEITHAIN K4784 - DOBELN K7594 (both to VIII Corps). Running rights to V Corps over autobahn from GOTHA J0864 to J8962 thence north to V and VIII Corps boundary.

Boundary change between First Army and Ninth Army: From LIPPE G2234 (to Ninth Army) eastwards along the north boundaries of the Provinces of NASSAU, KURIESSEN and THURINGEN to GUNTERSBERGE D2443 - THALE D2856 - QUEDLINBURG D3560 - GUSTEN D6763 - AKEN D9770 (all to First Army).

Boundary change between XIX and XIII Corps: MEIBORSSEN C1169 - POLLE C1568 - GOLMBACH C2468 - NEGENBORN C2467 - ESCHERSHAUSEN C3071 - ALFELD C4378 (all to XIX Corps) - SIBBESSE C4886 (to XIII Corps) - BREINUM C5584 - GR. DUNGEN C5791 - SCHELLURTEN X6101 - BETTMAR X7709 (all to XIX Corps) - WAHLE X7911 - WENDEBURG X8118 - then along autobahn to BARKE Y1913 - WOLMIRSTEDT Y6612 - CR Y6912 - BURG Y8115 - ZIESAR Z1017 (all to XIII Corps).

Boundary change between XVI Corps and XIX Corps: CARLSHAFEN C1939 (excl to both corps) - then north along the west boundary of the Province of HANNOVER to MEIBORSSEN C1169 (to XIX Corps).

Boundary change between XVI and XIII Corps: From MEIBORSSEN C1169 (excl to both corps) - then north along the west boundary of the Province of HANNOVER to the boundary between 12th and 21 Army Groups vicinity X0223.

Boundary between XXII and XXIII Corps: From 1939 German border at L0594 thence east along northern border of REG BEZ TRIER and REG BEZ KOBLENZ to RHINE River at F6328.

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Boundary change between 12th and 21 Army Groups: As before to CELLE X5849 (to 21 Army Gp) - RJ X8574 - UELZEN X8809 - ZERNIEN T1101 - HITZACKER T2211 - LUDWIGSLUST T5032 - PLAU U0049 (all excl to 12th Army Gp with running rights through CELLE).

Temporary boundary between First French Army and Seventh US Army: As before to a point on the NECKAR River in the vicinity of X0996 - thence REUTLINGEN X0989 - X1062 - SIGMARINGEN X1043 (all to First Fr Army).

Boundary between I French Corps and II French Corps: As before to HORB W7183 (to I Fr Corps) - thence along the NECKAR River to W9589 - GOMARINGEN X0185 (all to I Fr Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (221200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 9th Colonial Division. (With 3d Choc Gp atchd). Advanced up to nine miles south on a twenty-five mile front and captured FREIBURG W0932. The area west of the line OFFENBURG W1586 - W2552 - W0932 was mopped up. The 3d Choc Group was attached to the division. Front line change: V9429 - V9730 - W0932 - W1842 - W2850. 4th French Mountain Division. (With 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). The 27th Infantry advanced south and advanced to DONAUESCHINGEN W5728. On the right, other units reached HAUSACH W3365. 9th Zouaves were relieved from attachment to the division. Front line change: W3365 and HUFINGEN W5725 - W5821 - W6212. 1st French Armored Division. (With 2d Choc Gp atchd). Advanced south and reached the Swiss international boundary in the vicinity of W6213 and Lake CONSTANCE in the vicinities of W9914 and W9713. ENGEN W7817, SINGEN W8307, WORBLINGEN W8403 and STOCKACH W9518 were occupied and SIGMARINGEN X1143, MESSKIRCH X0330 and ME'NINGEN X0735 were reached. The 2d Choc Group was attached. Front line change: W6213 - W7817 - W8307 - W8403 - W9518 - W9713 - W9914 - X0333 - X1337 - X1143.

II French Corps. 80th Infantry. Placed under corps command. 5th French Armored Division. Entered STUTTGART S0423 from the south and mopped up the city. An enemy pocket of resistance remained in the woods east of BOBLINGEN R9310. Units reached the NECKAR River in the vicinity of KONGEN S2010 and S2114. Front line change: S2010 - S2114 - STUTTGART S0423. 2d Moroccan Division. Supported the advance of the 5th French Armored Division by fire. 3d Algerian Division. (With 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atchd). Attacked east in the direction of STUTTGART S0423, but made no appreciable advance. 14th French Division. Placed in army reserve.

SEVENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 36th Division. No change.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced six miles on a seven-mile front. WINNENDEN S2237 was captured and the 398th Infantry commenced to assemble in that vicinity. Front line change: S1519 - S1819 - S2617. 10th Armored Division. Gained up to seventeen miles south on a sixteen-mile front. NEIDLINGEN X3599 and FELDSTETTEN X4088 were occupied. Front line change: S2500 - X3592 - X3689 - X4179 - X4281 - X4983 - X4393 - X4794 - X4601 - S5200. 44th Division. Operated in rear of the 10th Armored Division.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. Advanced twelve miles east on an eighteen-mile front. VELLEBERG S5656 was occupied during the advance. Front line change: S6027 - S6240 - S6142 - S5745 - S5351 - S5853 - S6154 - S6456. 4th Division. Made an advance of twelve miles south on a five-mile front. Units captured STIMPFBACH S7254, WILDENSTEIN S8055 and reached ELLWANGEN S7543. Front line change: S7543. 12th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" followed by Combat Command "R" advanced rapidly south and entered BOPFINGEN S9132. The attack was continued and a further gain of eighteen miles was made. Front line change: LAUCHHEIM S8433 - S9516 - S9800 - T0202 - S9635.

XV Corps. 42d Division. Attacked south and southwest on a two-regiment front and gained seven miles on a six-mile front. Front line change: T2070 - T3073. 3d Division. Relieved the 45th Division in NURNBERG T4299. 45th Division. Commenced to assemble in the vicinity of NURNBERG T4299. 11th Armored Division.

Gained up to seven miles southwest on a thirteen-mile front. Front line change: T5068 - HILPOLSTEIN T5271 - T5669 - T6382 - T6581. 106th Cavalry Group. Operated in the area T3577 - T4070 - T4269.

21 ARMY GROUP. SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII British Corps. 5th Division. Continued its advance northeast and reached the ELBE River in the vicinity of T0821. TOSTERGLOPE T0617, NEU DARCHAU T1119 and WALMSBURG T0720 were occupied. Front line change: T0617 - T1119 - T0821 - T0621 - T0523 - T0424. 15th Division. (With 6th Gds Tk Bde and 1st Commando Bde atched). Units reached the ELBE River on a two-mile front. Front line change: S8135 - S7837.

XII British Corps. 53d Division. (Less 160th Bde). Advanced west and northwest and made a slight gain. Front line change: S1109 - ROTENBG S1203 - S1102.

XXX Corps. 52d Division. Attacked north and northwest on a five-mile front and gained three miles against heavy resistance. OYTEM W8696 was held by the enemy. The 130th Brigade was relieved from attachment and reverted to command of the 43d Division. Front line change: W9094 - W8697 - W8392. 43d Division. Took over positions on the right of the 52d Division. The 130th Brigade reverted to command and attacked in the direction of AHUSSEN X0697. Front line change: X0294.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 2d Canadian Division. 5th Canadian Brigade advanced up to four miles northeast. Front line change: W3388 - W3287. 4th Canadian Armored Division. On the right, armored units gained up to three miles north. Front line change: W3089 - W2789. 1st Polish Armored Division. On the right, occupied KOLTINGHORST Q8607; on the left, units moving northeast gained up to three miles. Front line change: V8992 - V8793 and Q8607 - Q8108. 3d Canadian Division. The 8th Canadian Brigade advanced one mile north on a two-mile front and reached the railroad line in the area Q7307 - Q6908. The 7th Canadian Brigade captured WAYENBORGEN Q4618, but were counterattacked in that vicinity. The division was then relieved on the left by the 5th Canadian Armored Division. The 9th Canadian Brigade assembled in the vicinity of Q5305. Front line change: Q7407 - Q6908.

I Canadian Corps. No change.

AIR. (22 Apr). Eighth Air Force: No operations due to adverse weather conditions. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: No operations. The Tactical Air Commands flew 96 sorties. Claims included 2 enemy aircraft, 86 motor transport and 35 locomotives.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: Scattered showers. Clouds: Broken to overcast. Visibility: 3 - 5 miles at dawn, becoming 6 - 8 miles by 1000B, except in showers where limited to 2 miles. Wind: 15 mph, north northwest. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 54° F. Minimum 40° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance on the army front was light and scattered. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry (non-div). Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ERLANGEN 03616. 70th Division, 80th Division and 16th Armored Division. All no change. 4th Armored Division. Detached from VIII Corps and placed under direct control of Third Army in place.

III Corps. 86th Division. The 31st Infantry assembled in the vicinity of T3271 and ABENBERG T3476. 99th Division. Relieved units of the 42d Division in FURTH 03601. The 395th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of BUCHENBACH T4179. The 394th Infantry was in the vicinity of ROTH T4477.

XX Corps. 65th Division. Advanced southeast on a twelve-mile front and gained up to seven miles. The 259th Infantry captured NEU MARKT T7182 and the 260th Infantry captured KASTL T8693. Front line change: T7180 - T7380 - T7984 - T8283 - T8481 - T8781. 3d Cavalry Group. Passed through the 65th and 71st Divisions,

advanced southeast up to twenty-one miles on an eight-mile front and seized a bridge intact over the NAAB River at BURGLEWENFELD U1376. The 43d Reconnaissance Squadron captured HORMAISDORF T9275 and HOHENFELS T9975. The 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron captured HOHENBURG T9585. Front line change: T9275 - T9975 - U0371 - U0566 - U1376 - T9585. 71st Division. Advanced southeast up to ten miles on a twelve-mile front. The 5th Infantry Regiment captured ILLSCHWANG O8601. The 14th Infantry captured ROSENBERG O9206 and AMBERG O9902. Front line change: T9092 - T8897 - O9500 - O9902. 13th Armored Division. Attached to the XX Corps and closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of HEROLDSBERG O4709.

XII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Passed through the 26th Division and advanced southeast up to thirty miles on an eleven-mile front. Combat Command "R" captured HIRSCHAU P0413. Combat Command "A" captured WEIDEN P1929. Front line change: U1997 - U3793 - P3402 - P2201. 26th Division. Advanced southeast behind the 11th Armored Division on a nineteen-mile front and gained up to thirteen miles. The 104th Infantry captured KOHLBERG P0919 and ETZEMRICHT P1424. Front line change: P0103 - P0603 - P1306 and P2209 - P2513. 90th Division. Advanced east up to eleven miles on a twenty-mile front. Front line change: P2530 - P2633 - P2738 - P2941 - P2842 - P3047 - P3349 and P2858 - P2662. 97th Division. Attached to the XII Corps. The 386th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of P1475. The 303d Infantry assembled in the vicinity of REHAU P0691 and relieved the 2d Cavalry Squadron along the front line between P1790 and P1893. Front line change: P1790 and P1893. 2d Cavalry Group. Advanced east up to two miles and captured THONBRUNN P1495. The 2d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron made contact with the 6th Cavalry Group (VIII Corps) in the vicinity of P1499. Front line change: P2569 and P1495.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 78th Division. (With 112th RCT atchd). No change. 7th Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. 87th, 89th, 76th and 6th Armored Divisions. Maintained their present defenses and continued patrolling. 6th Cavalry Group. Patrols contacted the 97th Division (Third Army) in the vicinity of P1399.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of E2600. 2d Division. Maintained its present defenses along the MULDE River and continued collecting stragglers. 69th Division. The 271st Infantry continued its attack in EILENBURG E4029 against strong resistance and repelled a strong counterattack in that vicinity. The remainder of the division maintained its present defenses along the MULDE River. 102d Cavalry Group. Units continued clearing the enemy from the woods in the vicinity of NAUMBERG J8491.

VII Corps. 104th Division. Consolidated its positions and mopped up isolated resistance along the MULDE River. 3d Armored Division. (With 60th Inf atchd). The 60th Infantry Regiment (9th Div) was attached and relieved units along the front line between E1548 and E1455. Other units attacked north against stubborn resistance, captured DESSAU E1068 and gained up to one mile on a one-mile front. Front line change: E1068 - E1071 - E0971. 9th Division. (Less 60th Inf and with 4th Cav Gp atchd). The 60th Infantry was attached to the 3d Armored Division. The remainder of the division continued clearing up isolated pockets of enemy resistance. 1st Division. Commenced to be relieved by units of the 8th Armored Division.

XVIII Airborne Corps. 8th Division. Commenced to be relieved by the 75th Division (Ninth Army).

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 5th Division. Attached to the XVI Corps for operations only at 221200B.

XIX Corps. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR). Eliminated the last enemy pocket of resistance in its sector. 8th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of C7451 and units commenced to relieve the 1st Division.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry and 175th Infantry. No change. 84th Division. An enemy counterattack in the vicinity of T4802 forced the withdrawal from the towns at T4802 and T4902. The 335th Infantry resumed its attack and recaptured the positions. Units on the division left flank met stiff resistance in the

vicinity of T4202. The 333d Infantry captured SCHMIDENBERG T5700. Front line change: T4202. 5th Armored Division. Advanced north on a fourteen-mile front and gained up to fourteen miles against light resistance. Combat Command "R" captured DAHLENBERG T2505. Front line change: T2704 - T2505 - T1810 - T1314 - T1019. 29th Division. (Less 175th Inf). The division mopped up behind the 5th Armored Division.

XVI Corps. 75th Division. Closed in assembly areas in the vicinity of LUEDENSHEID F9290 - PLETTENBURG G0990.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. (With 422d and 423d RCTs atchd). The 422d Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of X6537. 106th Division. (Less 422d and 423d RCTs). No change. 115th Cavalry Group. No change.

XXIII Corps. Assumed responsibility for that portion of REG BEZ KOBLENZ in the old XXII Corps zone.

XXII Corps. 94th Division. Commenced movement across the RHINE River. 28th Division. (Less 112th RCT). Commenced to close in an assembly area in the vicinity of KAISERSLAUTERN R0293.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 222400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	72,583	294,222	36,021	9,731	412,557
Non-battle					310,827
Total Casualties					723,384

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

6th Army Group: VI Corps WELZHEIM S3932; XV Corps SCHWABACH T3986; 4th Division S7765; 44th Division S4114; 100th Division S2333; 103d Division S3526; 2d Moroccan Division W8192; 3d Algerian Division R8323; 9th Colonial Division W0665; 10th Armored Division S4114.

21 Army Group: 43d Division X0182; 53d Division X1899; 5th Canadian Armored Division Q2115; 6th Airborne Division S7813.

12th Army Group: Third Army Tac ERLANGEN 03616; Ninth Army Main BRAUNSCHWEIG X9011; XX Corps REICHENSCHEID 06307; 8th Division ELBERFELD F5594; 26th Division FREIHUNG P0121; 70th Division FRANKFURT M6774; 71st Division HOLNSTEIN 08213; 75th Division PLETTENBERG G0990; 11th Armored Division SCHNITTENBACH P0814; 90th Division WIESAU P1855; 97th Division WUNSIEDEL P0568; 99th Division SCHWABACH T3886.

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